



United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims



John J. Farley, III Judge

In September 1989, Judge Farley was nominated by President George Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate as a Judge of the original United States Court of Veterans Appeals. Prior to his appointment to the Court, Judge Farley was a member of the Senior Executive Service and served for nine years as a Director of the Torts Branch, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice, where he was responsible for, inter alia, the representation and defense of personally-sued federal employees in common law and constitutional tort litigation.

Judge Farley received his A.B. degree in economics in 1964 from the College of the Holy Cross, where he was captain of the varsity lacrosse team, and his Masters of Business Administration degree in 1966 from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business where he was a Samuel Bronfman Fellow. He received his Juris Doctorate, cum laude, in 1973 from Hofstra University School of Law, graduating first in his class and serving as the founding Editor-in-Chief of the Hofstra Law Review.

Judge Farley served in the United States Army from 1966 until his retirement as a captain in 1970 due to 100% disability from wounds received during combat in Vietnam. His decorations include four Bronze Star Awards (three with "V" Device), two Purple Heart Medals, and the Army Commendation Medal. From 1973 to 1978, he was a Trial Attorney in the Torts Section, Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice and from 1978 to 1980 he served as Assistant Director of the Torts Branch.

Judge Farley has written numerous articles, including *Robin Hood Jurisprudence: The Triumph of Equity in American Tort Law*, 65 St. John's L. Rev. 997 (1991), and *The New Kid on the Block of Veteran's Law: The United States Court of Veterans Appeals*, Federal Bar News & Journal, Vol. 38, No. 9, Nov./Dec. 1991. He has been a lecturer and faculty member of the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, the F.B.I. Academy, the Legal Education Institute, the OPM Executive Seminar Centers, the Federal Executive Institute, the Government Affairs Institute, and the Federal Judicial Center. He was a commencement speaker and recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Medal, Hofstra University School of Law, 1986. From 1986 to 1989, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Senior Executives Association. In November 1990, Judge Farley was appointed the first chairman of the Veterans Law Section of the Federal Bar Association. In 1995, he received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Hofstra Law School Alumni. In 1997, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Amputee Coalition of America. Judge Farley was inducted into the Massapequa High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

A recipient of numerous government and private sector awards, Judge Farley is an avid golfer, cyclist, skier, and instructor of disabled skiers. He and his wife, Kathleen Wells Farley, have three grown children and reside with their fourth child, Caitlin Elizabeth, in Bowie, Maryland.